



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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RE: STAGE II - DROUGHT CONTINGENCY WEEKLY UPDATE

The STAGE II Goal is a 25% reduction in consumption.

CURRENT LAKE LEVEL:

WATER LEVEL

860.81

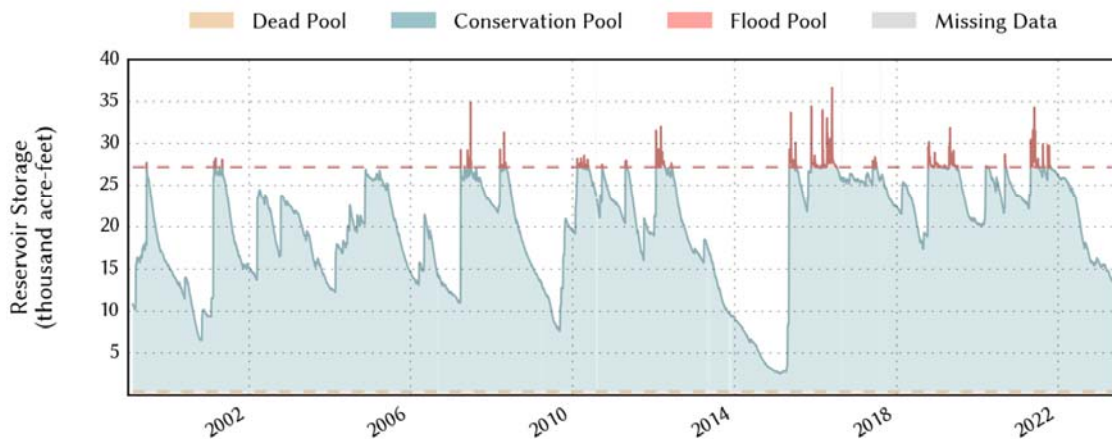
Feet MSL

Friday, May 19, 2023

at 8:15:00 AM

Level is **6.19 feet below** the conservation pool of 867.00 feet MSL

Lake Palo Pinto: 54.0% full as of 2023-05-19



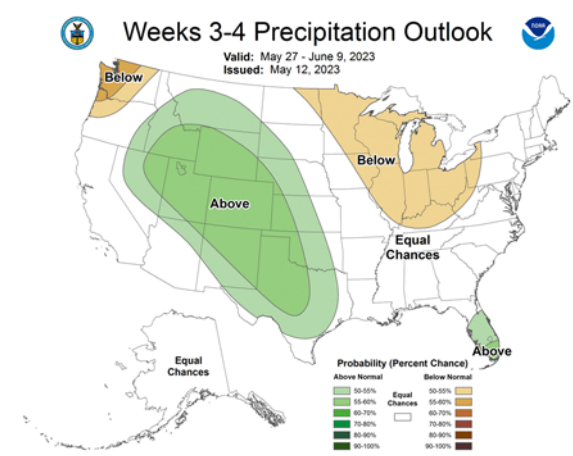
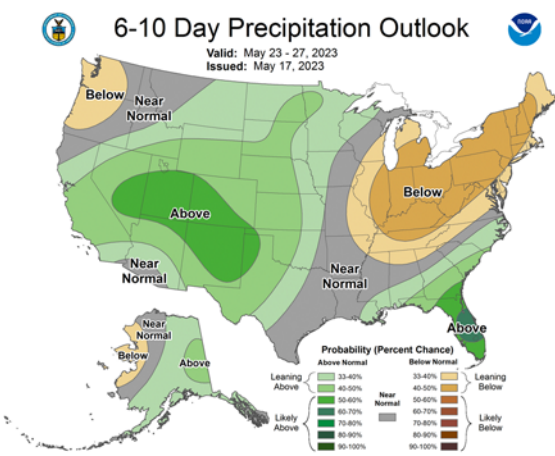
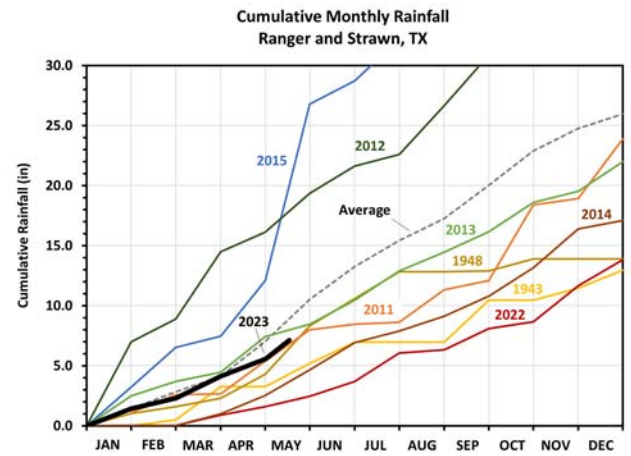
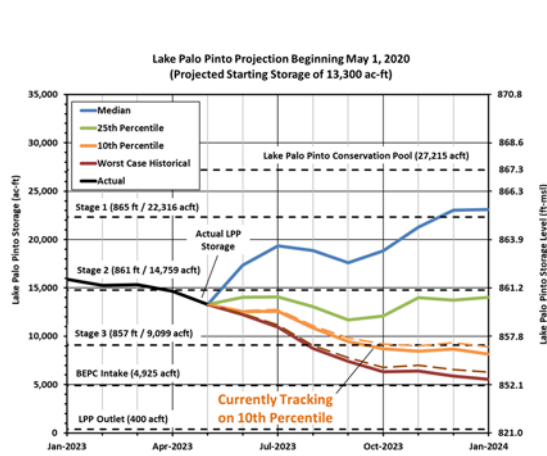
Watershed area for Lake Palo Pinto remains in a **MODERATE DROUGHT**

CONSUMPTION DEMAND: Water use decreased 4% when compared to last week. Additional TCEQ required flushing activities related to last week’s major line break in the Central Business District were completed Thursday (05/18).

WEATHER FORECAST: The 7-day outlook for the Lake Palo Pinto watershed shows a slight chance for rainfall over the next period (20% to 40% coverage). Temperatures will remain seasonal, with highs in the 90s, with thunderstorms possible.

SITUATION REPORT: Last week’s rain (2.03 inches) on the watershed improved the lake level over this period (up 0.73 feet) and the ground saturation from the prior week’s rain proved beneficial. The rain expected in the coming 7-day period should provide additional relief. As a reminder, the lake level of Lake Palo Pinto will need to remain above 861 feet MSL for ten (10) consecutive days to return to Stage I under the Drought Contingency Plan. Additional information is included below with respect to the long-range outlook.

LONG RANGE OUTLOOK: The charts below are provided to model projections to the level at Lake Palo Pinto, rainfall totals from the watershed area, and extended rainfall forecasts.



STAGE III Restrictions will begin if the Lake Palo Pinto level drops **below 857 feet MSL**